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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Duffy et al.

Serial No.: 09/379,212

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR POWER

CONNECTION IN A MODULAR PATIENT CARE

SYSTEM

Art Unit: 3711

Examiner: Mendez, M.

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8236-053-999

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2000, be extended for a period of <u>three</u> month(s) from <u>June 9, 2000</u> to and including <u>September 11, 2000</u> (September 9, 2000 falls on a weekend).

The fee for this extension is estimated to be <u>\$870.00</u>. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

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